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The average daily circulation of the  
 Barre Daily Times for the week ending  
 Saturday was

4,780

copies, the largest paid circulation of  
 any daily paper in this section.

Vermont judges have been marked up  
 recently—to \$4,000.

The Venezuelans will have to hustle  
 to "beat the Dutch."

Congressman Foster will find himself  
 aligned with the "insurgents" against  
 Speaker Cannon, if he doesn't watch out.

The treasury department can't locate  
 \$400,000 of the \$810,000 gold coin which  
 is nominally in circulation in the United  
 States. Look in your stocking and see  
 what proportion you have.

And now base ball is going through a  
 course of self-purging. It is good for the  
 integrity of the game that the leaders in  
 the major league take it upon themselves  
 to probe the charges of attempted bribery  
 before the matter has become a  
 public scandal.

So little in the news line comes from  
 Brunswick, Vermont, that a contemporary  
 adds to the town's retiring nature  
 by trying to explain that the town is  
 really in Vermont and on the New  
 Hampshire line. Obviously, it is the  
 part of Brunswickers to do something big  
 to force attention on the public.

The farm products of the United States  
 for the year past amount to seven bil-  
 lions (we spell out the figures lest our  
 readers miss the significance of the  
 amount)—seven billions, and seven hun-  
 dred and seventy-eight millions. And  
 moreover, the production was above the  
 average. The foundation of industry  
 seems to be still vigorous in the country.

## THE VERMONT NATIONAL GUARD.

In justice to several of the companies  
 of the Vermont National Guard which  
 were scored by the inspecting officer,  
 Lieut. Chapman, in the report published  
 throughout the state on Saturday, it  
 should be stated that the report was on  
 the condition of the companies at the  
 time of inspection last March, or nearly  
 a year ago. Since that time there have  
 been many changes either in the person-  
 nel of the companies or in their commis-  
 sioned officers; so that newspaper read-  
 ers need to bear in mind that conditions  
 are not as bad at present as the report  
 pointed them to be. The Vermont Na-  
 tional Guard is in none too satisfactory  
 shape, and it therefore should be given  
 the credit of whatever improvement  
 there been made during the time since  
 Lieut. Chapman made his report to the  
 war department. Nevertheless, the fact  
 remains obvious that the V. N. G. is  
 allowed to sink to a low ebb as regards  
 some of its parts.

## A STATE TAX COMMISSION.

At the same time that Vermont is con-  
 sidering the advisability of having a  
 state tax commission to systematize tax-  
 ation throughout the state, New Hamp-  
 shire is also agitating the same thing,  
 and its special investigating committee  
 has recommended the establishment of  
 a commission, just as the Vermont in-  
 vestigators did several months ago. The  
 bill to establish a state commission is  
 still in the hands of the legislature and  
 its fate seems to hang in the balance.  
 If there be any weight in the fact that  
 New Hampshire is after the same thing  
 which Vermont has a chance to get,  
 the measure ought to be given an impetus  
 in the Vermont legislature that will in-  
 sure its passage. The Concord Monitor  
 likens the proposed central tax commis-  
 sion to the system of a state board of

## Holiday Gifts

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 to 25c.  
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 \$5.00.  
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 \$1.50.  
 Bibles, 50c to \$5.00.  
 Catholic Prayer Books, 20c  
 to \$2.00.  
 Diaries, 10c to \$1.00.  
 Calendars, 5c to 25c.  
 Alger and Henty books, 25c.  
 Wellesley Series, for girls, 25c.  
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license commissioners, which experiment  
 "has resulted happily," according to the  
 contemporary.

It comes to this: the Vermont legis-  
 lature must do something with the ques-  
 tion of taxation this term, or merit the  
 charge of having shifted responsibility in  
 remedying crying evils. One of the least  
 things that it can do will be to create a  
 state tax commission which shall have  
 supervision and jurisdiction over the pat-  
 terns of local taxation in the 246  
 towns of the state, which are now about  
 as varied as the towns themselves and  
 woefully complex. There are also a great  
 many evils, as the special investigating  
 committee pointed out in its compre-  
 hensive report. To do away with these  
 evils and to place the entire scheme of  
 taxation on a systematic basis is one of  
 the promises of the proposed change, and  
 we can well afford to try it out.

## CURRENT COMMENT.

Harvard's Next President.

The belief grows in Boston that the  
 presidency of Harvard university has  
 been offered James J. Storrow, one  
 of the board of overseers, and a mem-  
 ber of the banking house of Lee, Hig-  
 ginson & Co. It is known that the  
 corporation has decided upon President  
 Eliot's successor, but the name will  
 be withheld until the overseers of the  
 university shall have time to act. The  
 suppression, of course, is that the man  
 chosen by the corporation will be agree-  
 able to the overseers. Mr. Storrow  
 is a graduate of Harvard, trained to  
 the law and in practice before he be-  
 came an able man of business, and the  
 fact that he is the head of Boston's  
 reorganized school board has given evi-  
 dence of his intelligent and practical  
 interest in educational matters. His  
 lack of training in college teaching  
 would not be looked upon as an in-  
 surmountable objection. He would  
 make a forceful and wide-awake ex-  
 ecutive of the sort Dr. Eliot and the  
 rest are looking for, and could be ex-  
 pected to master the academic side of  
 the office.—Springfield Republican.

## The Panama Matter.

Lawyer Cromwell's statement is to be  
 welcomed, for it traces the distribution  
 of the \$400,000 by the French liqui-  
 dators of the old and new Panama canal  
 companies much farther than has ever  
 been done before. It appears from this  
 that several thousands of stockholders  
 received money according to their hold-  
 ings; and the lists of the stockholders,  
 according to Mr. Cromwell, are still in  
 France. By examining them, an inquirer  
 ought to be able to determine whether  
 Americans held Panama canal stock and  
 to what extent. The lists remain to be  
 scrutinized, and it might be suggested  
 to the New York World that it would  
 be a good stroke of enterprise to send  
 an agent to Paris, with a letter of intro-  
 duction from Mr. Cromwell, for the pur-  
 pose of examining the stockholders' lists  
 if the French officials will permit such a  
 proceeding. Until that is done, it is to  
 be feared that the suspicion of American  
 ownership of a certain amount of Pan-  
 ama stock will remain more or less alive.  
 Let the suspicion be killed forever by  
 opening the books.—Springfield Republi-  
 can.

## JINGLES AND JESTS

Cause for Rejoicing.  
 One day the neighbors did rejoice  
 That fate had things adjusted.  
 It was their time to celebrate—  
 Small Willie's drum had "busted."  
 —Detroit Tribune.

She Couldn't Be.  
 "The bride to be isn't very clever."  
 "You know her, then?"  
 "No; I know him."—Kansas City  
 Times.

Autumn Gold.  
 This leafy autumn gold—rust, tuff  
 It calls for naught of thanks.  
 It's all right for the poets, but  
 It's no good at the banks!  
 —Washington Star.

And He Was It.  
 Mrs. Benham—Do you know how  
 lobsters are caught?  
 Benham—Only one, my dear.—Judge.

Diagnosed.  
 At the advent of Athens  
 Pined doctors tried in vain  
 To determine Zeno's trouble.  
 He had daughter on the brain.  
 —Lippincott's Magazine.

## LEGISLATIVE NOTES.

The bill relating to the registration of  
 automobiles and the disposition of the  
 registration fees has been made a special  
 order in the House for Tuesday morning  
 at 10:15.

The bill prohibiting fraternal and se-  
 cret societies in public schools was ad-  
 vanced to a third reading in the House  
 Saturday morning after being amended  
 so as to include fraternal clubs. It was  
 stated that as soon as certain secret  
 fraternal societies in some of the schools  
 of the state learned of the bill before the  
 legislature prohibiting such societies, they  
 immediately changed the name of their  
 society to a club.

NOTES AND COM ON LEG.  
 The bill introduced in the Senate Sat-  
 urday to incorporate the Montpelier &  
 Essex Junction Traction company pro-  
 vides for a road to run through Berlin,  
 Middlesex, Moretown, Waterbury, Rich-  
 mond, Hinesburg, Jericho, Colechester and  
 Underhill. The capital stock of the com-  
 pany is to be \$300,000, and the incorpo-  
 rators are F. M. Corry, L. E. Taft, W. T.  
 Dewey and E. H. Devitt of Montpelier,  
 A. L. Hewitt of Berlin, D. E. Moody  
 and W. J. Boyce of Waterbury, E. W.  
 Huntley of Duxbury, J. W. McGarghan  
 of Richmond, A. L. Bingham, R. J.  
 Wright and J. E. Kennedy of Williston,  
 and Guy W. Bailey and Allen Martin  
 of Essex Junction.

## PRESCRIPTIONS ON RECORD.

Figures Show Smaller Number Issued in  
 November.

The prescriptions for the month of  
 November have been filed with the county  
 clerk and the report shows that there  
 was a smaller number issued last month  
 than in the month preceding, although  
 the difference is slightly, only eight pre-  
 scriptions. C. H. Kendrick of Barre filed  
 48 prescriptions, against 73 in October;  
 W. E. Poole of Montpelier 100 against  
 112 in October; E. J. Leavitt of Plain-  
 field, 35 against 36 in October; E. A.  
 Drown of Barre, 65 prescriptions against  
 44 in October; J. R. Isham of Waterbury,  
 23 against 26 for October.

## CHELSEA

Roy Sanborn returned last week  
 from Hartford, Conn., where he had  
 spent the previous week with friends.

Miss Anna Harvey, who has been  
 ill for several weeks, at the home of  
 her aunt, Mrs. Newell Dixey, is slowly  
 convalescing.

Miss Laura Colby, daughter of Mr.  
 and Mrs. George Colby, is teaching  
 the winter term of school in the Frank  
 Parker district in Brookfield.

Miss Carol Burgess, who has worked  
 several weeks for Mrs. H. B. Adams,  
 Jr., is taking a forced vacation by rea-  
 son of trouble with her throat and her  
 sister, Miss Florence Burgess, is now  
 assisting Mrs. Adams.

Peter Parizo, who resides on the west  
 hill is having the pleasure of a visit  
 from his youngest son, John Parizo, of  
 Cranstonville, who is taking a vacation  
 from his work at granite quarries.

Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Perkins have  
 returned from an extended visit to  
 relatives and friends in Lowell, Sud-  
 bury and Gloucester, Mass.

Mrs. Ann E. Goss left Friday morn-  
 ing for Canton, Mass., where she has  
 gone to visit her daughter, Mrs. J.  
 Euclid Fish. She will also visit her  
 son, Dr. A. V. Goss, of Taunton, Mass.,  
 and expects to remain with her chil-  
 dren the greater part of the winter.

Enoch Lyford, a brother of H. H.  
 Lyford of this town and Herman Ly-  
 ford of South Washington, has en-  
 gaged to work for a time for E. O. Mat-  
 too and commenced his term of ser-  
 vice last week.

The Rev. Otis Cary, D. D., of Kyoto,  
 Japan, who has been a very success-  
 ful missionary in Japan for several  
 years and who has but recently returned  
 to America, speaks interestingly of  
 his work among the monks and the  
 customs of the Japanese, at the Con-  
 gregational church Sunday morning.

The Tryan club has recently com-  
 pleted a much needed improvement in  
 connection with another room, 12 by  
 50, adjacent to the main room; por-  
 tions of the partition being removed so  
 that the two rooms are now connected  
 by wide arches. At a recent meeting  
 it was voted to institute "ladies night"  
 once a month, and the first or initial  
 assembly of the kind was held last  
 Thursday evening. There was a large  
 attendance when the whist tables as  
 well as the pool and billiard tables  
 were all utilized and the ladies as the  
 gentlemen passed a most enjoyable even-  
 ing.

Dr. Frank H. Godfrey had the pleas-  
 ure recently of entertaining as his  
 guest, Dr. G. B. B. Larqueque of Caracas,  
 Venezuela. The two doctors were class  
 mates at the New York Medical col-  
 lege many years ago, and this was  
 their first meeting since they parted  
 after taking their degrees. Dr. Larque-  
 que was in town two days, coming  
 here from Boston for the special pur-  
 pose of renewing his acquaintances with  
 his friend of former days. Leaving  
 here on his return trip to South Amer-  
 ica, he went by way of Washington,  
 D. C., in order to transact some busi-  
 ness pertaining to the Spanish consul-  
 ate.

Court took a recess Saturday noon  
 until this afternoon, and Judge Miles  
 and Judge White remained in town  
 over Sunday, the jurors were all ex-  
 cused Friday night until this afternoon  
 as the case which was expected to have  
 been tried Friday came to an unex-  
 pected end without trial, and there was  
 no other case ready for trial until this  
 afternoon, when a slander suit from  
 Braintree which promises to be quite  
 exciting will be put on.

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## CASTRO MAKES STATEMENT.

Gives an Interview to a French News-  
 paper Yesterday.

Paris, Dec. 14.—President Castro of  
 Venezuela and his party left here  
 yesterday for Cologne where a consul-  
 tation of physicians will be held to de-  
 termine upon the advisability of an  
 operation on the president. If an op-  
 eration is found necessary Dr. Israel  
 probably will perform it at Berlin.

During his stay in the city, Castro  
 kept closely confined to his hotel, re-  
 fusing to give out statement to news-  
 paper men except through some mem-  
 ber of his suite. On the train yester-  
 day, however, he accorded an interview  
 to a representative of the Temps, say-  
 ing that as he was leaving France he  
 felt at liberty to receive a journalist.

The interview, while guarded, fully con-  
 firms the representations made by Cas-  
 tro at Santander, to the effect that he  
 was desirous of settling Venezuela's  
 outstanding diplomatic differences and  
 so far as France is concerned, had al-  
 ready made the first steps in that di-  
 rection. He said, however, that every-  
 thing for the moment must be subor-  
 dinated to the restoration of his health  
 and that he would submit to an exami-  
 nation in Germany on which he would  
 depend the question of a surgical op-  
 eration or merely medical treatment. He  
 added that he might return to Paris.

While avoiding a direct question as  
 to what he expected to do toward set-  
 tling Venezuela's foreign quarrels, point-  
 ing out that as the "private citizen" he  
 was not qualified to answer, he made  
 it clear that the resumption of  
 diplomatic relations with France de-  
 pended entirely upon the settlement of  
 the French cable company contro-  
 versy.

"It is incontestable," he said "that the  
 French cable company was an accom-  
 plish against my government in the  
 Matos revolution."

"But that did not justify the expul-  
 sion of M. Taigny, the French charge  
 d'affaires," said the interviewer.

"In this, as in other differences with  
 the powers," replied President Castro,  
 "Venezuela only defended herself."  
 "But there is also the matter of the  
 French subjects at Carapapano" contin-  
 ued the interviewer.

"I took occasion when I touched  
 there, said the president, to authorize  
 their return. That is sufficient evi-  
 dence of my desire for a reconciliation."

"And the payment of the diplomatic  
 debt under the Hague award?"

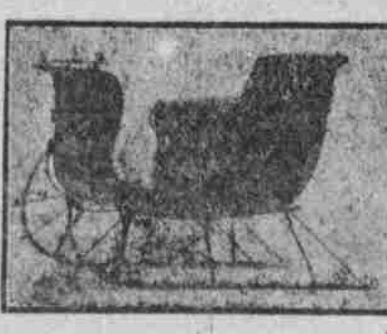
"The payment has not ceased," re-  
 marked Castro. "In default of a  
 French representative at Caracas, the  
 monthly payments have been deposited  
 in the state bank of Venezuela."

In response to a question as to why  
 he had refused to allow the Brazilian  
 legation to act for France, President  
 Castro replied: "Because Brazil has  
 charge of the interests of the United  
 States, and in the interest of the good  
 relations and solidarity of the Ameri-  
 can republic to look after the affairs  
 of an European power."

In conclusion President Castro twice  
 repeated that Venezuela desired peace  
 and harmony with France and the other  
 powers, but declared emphatically  
 that peace and harmony were depend-  
 ent upon others as well as Venezuela.

The condition of the Rev. J. A. Bisson-  
 nault, a Roman Catholic pastor at St.  
 Johnsbury, who has been ill for the past  
 two months at the St. Johnsbury hospi-  
 tal, is gradually growing weaker.

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Christmas Belts—Don't miss seeing them, one in  
 box, at 25c, 50c up to \$2.00 each.

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 sets of 3, put up in box, latest fashion, 50c, \$1.00 up.

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| Give Manicure Sets,         | Give Shopping Bags,         |
| Give Fancy Box Stationary,  | Give Shaving Sets,          |
| Give Fancy Box Candy,       | Give Medicine Cases,        |
| Give Fancy Box Cigars,      | Give Manicure Goods,        |
| Give Holiday Books,         | Give Gillett Razors,        |
| Give Birthday Books,        | Give Pearl Handled Knives,  |
| Give Post Card Albums,      | Give Photograph Albums,     |
| Give Pocket Books,          | Give Writing Tablets,       |
| Give Music Books,           | Give Sewing Boxes,          |
| Give Novelty Calendars,     | Give Cigar Cases,           |
| Give Novelty Paper Weights, | Give Diaries,               |
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| Give Military Brushes,      | Give Combs, etc., etc.      |

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